(No Model.)

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PICTURE FRAME.

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Fig. 1.

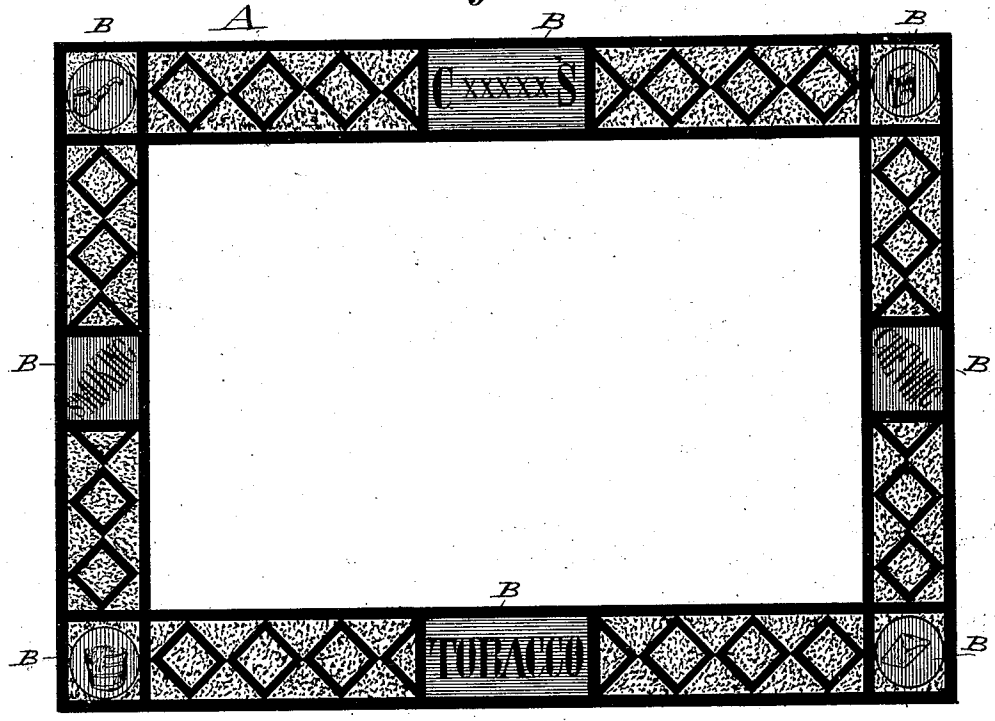


Fig. 2.

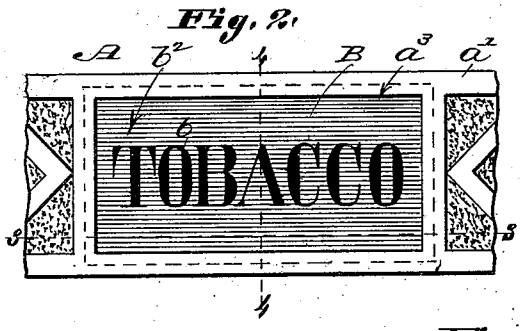


Fig. 3.

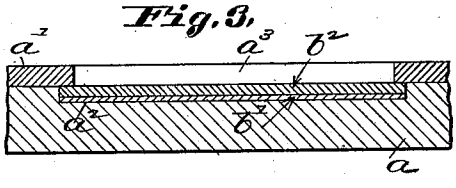
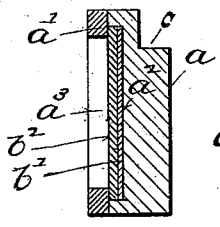


Fig. 4.



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PICTURE-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAVE HERMAN THONSSEN, of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The improvement relates to that class of picture-frames which is used for advertising purposes.

The object of the invention is to provide a picture-frame which may be distributed by an advertiser and used as an ordinary picture-frame by the recipient, while at the same time it preserves intact and within observation the advertising inscription.

It consists in the means by which the inscription, picture, design, or whatever constitutes the advertisement is readily and tastefully embodied in the frame, and so that it cannot be detached therefrom.

The annexed drawings, making part of this specification, illustrate the mode of carrying out the improvement.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a frame having the improvement. Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation of a portion of the frame. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

The same letters of reference denote the same parts.

The picture-frame A, Fig. 1, consists of the base *a* and the facing *a'*, Figs. 3, 4. The base is generally composed of wood, and is formed with the usual surrounding rabbet, *c*, for the reception of any picture which the recipient of the frame may desire. The facing is of the material termed "composition" by picture dealers, and it is capable of being shaped and decorated according to any of the various styles of finish given to picture-frames.

The advertisement B is embodied in the frame as follows: The frame-base *a*, at the point or points where it is desired to introduce the advertisement, is mortised, as at a^2, Figs. 3, 4. The inscription, picture, or design *b*, which constitutes the advertisement, is inscribed, printed, or otherwise produced upon a card or sheet, *b'*. The card or sheet is placed in the mortise, and then a transparent plate—such as a plate of glass—is placed over the card or sheet. The plate b^2 and card are then held in place by means of the facing *a'*, substantially as shown—that is, the opening a^3 in the facing is smaller than the plate, and the facing in consequence laps upon the edges of the plate, and thereby confines it and the card in the frame. The facing is a continuous piece of material, preferably, and, whether made in one or more pieces, is so attached to the base *a* as to prevent its removal for the purpose of changing the advertisment. At the same time the facing serves as a setting, as well as a guard, for the advertisement, each advertisement being in effect a picture framed in the facing.

Any desirable number of the advertisements can, substantially as illustrated in Fig. 1, be introduced into the picture-frame A, and each advertisement can be more or less displayed in the frame.

The glass plate b^2 need not always be used. The card or sheet *b'* may by itself be confined beneath the facing *a'*.

I do not claim, broadly, a picture-frame having pictures or spaces for the same in its border, as I am aware that such frames have been heretofore made.

I claim—

A picture-frame for advertising purposes, consisting of the combination of the base *a*, having a mortise, a^2, near the margin thereof, the sheet *b'*, bearing the inscription or design, and the composition facing *a'*, having in its center a space bounded by the rabbet *c*, adapted to receive any desired picture, having an opening, a^3, corresponding with but smaller than the mortise a^2, and secured permanently to the base *a*, whereby the advertisement is preserved and its removal prevented, and the frame at the same time adapted to receive any desired picture, substantially as set forth.

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